GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:199
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2003
ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS TO DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains allotted to the people living in drought affected areas;

(b) the mode of allotment of foodgrains to each family;

(c) whether the Government has decided to provide employment to one person per family under Food for Employment Scheme for drought affected areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 199 DUE FOR REPLY ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2003.

(a): Total quantity of 87.36 lakh MTs of foodgrains was released to the States for the drought of 2002-03 and 3.15 lakh MTs have so far been released to the States affected by drought during Kharif 2003.

(b) & (c): The foodgrains indicated above were released to the States, free of cost, under the Special Component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) Scheme for relief employment. The Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) Scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, with the primary objective of providing additional wage employment in all rural areas and thereby providing food security and improving nutritional levels. The Special component of SGRY is for augmenting food security through additional wage employment in the calamity affected areas.

There was no restriction on the number of persons to be employed. However, the allocation of foodgrains for relief employment was made on the basis of a formula. For this purpose, the States were classified into three categories and each household was considered of comprising of 5 members on an average. For the Drought of 2002-03, States which were moderately affected by drought were classified under Category `A` for which coverage of 20% Below Poverty Line (BPL) rural households was assumed for provision of employment to 1 person from each such rural household @ 5 kg per person per day for 10 days a month, with minimum of 25% of wage rate being paid in cash. Severely affected States were classified under Category `B` for which 50% of BPL rural households was assumed with other conditions remaining the same. Rajasthan was kept under Special category as indicated below:

(i) 74 worst affected blocks in the State with universal coverage of all willing rural households with employment to one person from each such rural household @ 8 kg per person per day for 10 days a month with other conditions remaining the same;

(ii) For all other blocks, employment @ 6 kg per person per day for 10 days a month with other conditions remaining the same.

However, for the later part of the drought (May to July 2003), a revised allocation for Rajasthan was approved for providing employment to all willing households @ 8 kg per person per day for 12 days a month. While the foodgrains for the severely affected States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Rajasthan was provided upto July, 2003, for Tamil Nadu it was provided upto September, 2003, as the State is mainly dependent on North-East Monsoon (October-December).

It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned to take necessary measures in this regard. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments with financial and logistic support. Distribution of relief at the ground level is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned.

(d): State-wise details of 87.36 lakh MTs foodgrains released for the drought of 2002-03 and 3.15 lakh MTs of foodgrains released so

far for the drought of Kharif 2003, are indicated in the statement annexed.

ANNEXURE

Statement referred in reply to part(d) of Lok Sabha Starred QuestionNo.199 for reply on 15.12.2003, indicating State-wise details of foodgrains released for relief employment for drought of 2002-03 and drought of Kharif 2003.

(lakh MTs)

S.No.	State	Drought of 2002-03	Drought of Kharif 2003
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17.20	1.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	4.74	
3.	Gujarat	3.06	
4.	Haryana	0.25	
5.	Himachal Pradesh	0.10	
6.	Jharkhand	0.40	
7	Karnataka	7.20	1.65
8.	Kerala	0.52	
9.	Madhya Pradesh	7.80	
10.	Maharashtra	2.32	0.50
11.	Orissa	4.22	
12.	Rajasthan	32.05	
13.	Tamil Nadu	5.00	
14.	Uttaranchal	0.50	
15.	Uttar Pradesh	2.00	
	Total:	87.36	3.15